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Catch the genealogy bug with free workshops

If you've ever wanted to search your roots, now is the time.

Catawba County and Hickory Public library systems have partnered to offer four free workshops to help area residents catch the "genealogy bug." Led by trained library staff and an experienced volunteer, joint project will offer free sessions to adults interested in tracing their family tree. Pre-registration is not required.

"All you need to bring are your questions and materials to take notes," said Janey Deal, local history/genealogy librarian in Hickory.

The series will include "Getting Started" on April 30 at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library in Hickory, "Using On-Line Resources" on June 11, "Is That Lineage Right?" on July 23, and "Writing Family History" on Aug. 20. The meeting places will alternate between Hickory and Newton library facilities. The last session will feature Dr. Judith Paterson, author and lecturer on genealogy.

"Getting Started" on April 30 will be led by Janey Deal of the Patrick Beaver Library and Terri Duckett, a local volunteer. They will discuss the best ways to begin a family search and how to organize notes and materials, an essential for research.

Deal has supervised the North Carolina Room of Hickory Public Library since 1987, covering genealogy as well as state and local history.

Duckett, also a member of the John Hoyle Chapter NSDAR, began her family history quest while in high school and has researched a number of her own ancestors including five patriots between her and her husband's families. An alumna of Georgia Tech, she works as a quality

engineer for Molded Fiber Glass in Morganton and assisted with the genealogy workshop held at Newton in February.

For more information about the April 30 session, contact Deal at 304-0500, ext. 7283.



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